

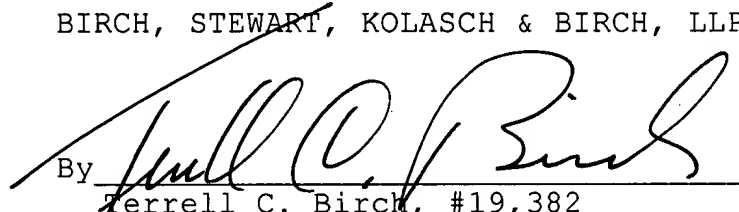
- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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


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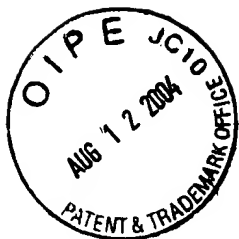
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Applicant: K. KANEKO et al. Conf.: 4015
Appl. No.: 09/188,190 Group: 3748
Filed: November 10, 1998 Examiner: Nguyen, Tu Minh
For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING APPARATUS OF AN
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 12, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 1 and 22 are cancelled.

Claims 3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, and 18 are amended.

New claim 24 is added.